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LIMA, OHIO, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1897.

PRICE THREE CENTS.

BANNER CLOTHING COMPANY.

They Ring For All.

A Cheerful Call to Christmas Bargains.

ever So Good!
ever So Cheap!

Remember Our Great Clothing Reduction Sale.

Our beautiful and most gorgeous display of Holiday Gifts is now open and ready for your immediate inspection—the newest ideas—the largest stock—the best selections—the most appropriate and desirable presents—at lowest prices—and bear in mind our splendid and colossal gathering of Xmas Gifts contains the correct thing for every person—THE OLD—MIDDLE—YOUNG—GIFT—OR YOUNG—gifts here that will please them all, be they large or small, at

BED-ROCK PRICES.

Come and see how pleasant and satisfactory Christmas shopping can be made. How well we can fill your wants and how far we can make your money go.

We can show you many pretty and desirable gifts costing but a trifle and representing GOOD VALUES for every cent asked, and from that point upward to the elaborate and expensive presents the heart could possibly desire or fancy.

OUR ASSORTMENT IS GREAT—and the styles so unique and pretty—one vying with another—both holding a

HIGH STANDARD OF :

ART, GRACE and BEAUTY.

THE BANNER CLOTHING CO.,

LIMA HOUSE CORNER.

Holiday shoppers all agree that this store is the ideal place to do the Christmas shopping. Every department furnishes most desirable X-mas gifts.

There is a constant stream of buyers at our Handkerchiefs, Umbrellas, Kid Gloves, Perfumery, Fans, Art Linens, Holiday Novelties, Pocket Books and Chatelains, Ladies' and Children's Furs, Hosiery, Underwear, etc., etc.

In the morning is the best time to shop, to avoid the crowd later in the day.

To accommodate the overflow of shoppers our store will be open evenings next week.

Feldman & Co.
212 N. MAIN ST.

ON THE WAR PATH.

Three Palefaces to Be Massacred by the Red Men To night.

A Banquet Will Follow the Initiation of the Victims.

A terrible massacre will occur at Mitchell Hall to-night, unless the police shall be informed of the plans of the Ph. T. tribe of Red Men and interfere in behalf of the three palefaces who have been set apart as the doomed victims. The Red Men have sharpened their scalping knives and are making elaborate preparations to take the scalps of sergeant of police J. E. Watts and Charles Miller and John Fogelsinger, of the Miller Bros. meat market.

After the three candidates shall have either been made full fledged Red Men or sent to the happy hunting grounds, a banquet will be served.

LONGEST ON RECORD.

A Fifteen Thousand Mile Steamship Voyage

Special to the TIMES-DEMOCRAT.

NEW YORK, December 17.—The steamship, City of Columbia, with passengers for the Alaska gold fields passed out at quarantine this morning. If she reaches the mouth of Yukon, 15,000 miles from here, it will be the longest single voyage ever made by a steamship.

ANOTHER BOMBARDMENT.

The Cuban Insurgents Making it Hot for the Spaniards.

Special to the TIMES-DEMOCRAT.

HAVANA, KEY WEST, December 17.—Insurgents have bombarded and destroyed part of the seaport town of Sancti Spiritus del Sur in Pinar del Rio province. The situation in Santiago de Cuba province is becoming desperate for the Spaniards.

INSURRECTION NOT SUBDUED.

The Claim Made by One Side and Denied by the Other.

Special to the TIMES-DEMOCRAT.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—Advice from Manila received here deny that the Philippine insurrection is subdued. It is claimed that in eight provinces near Manila insurgents control the situation.

MINISTERIAL DANCING

A Jersey City Rector in the Role of Dancing Master.

Special to the TIMES-DEMOCRAT.

JERSEY CITY, December 17.—Rev. E. L. Stoddard, rector of the St. Johns Episcopal Church of this city, has announced that he will start a dancing class in connection with the church. He says he will give instructions at six cents a lesson.

NO INTERVENTION

Will be Accepted Which Does Not Contemplate Independence.

Special to the TIMES-DEMOCRAT.

WASHINGTON, December 17.—The Times says that the Cuban republic has lodged its ultimatum with secretary of state Sherman declaring that the island government will accept of no sort of intervention which does not contemplate complete independence for Cuba.

BUILDINGS DECORATED

In Spain Over the Alleged Suppression of the Philippine Rebellion

Special to the TIMES-DEMOCRAT.

MADRID, December 17.—News has reached here that the Philippine rebellion has come to an end. This report has caused great public rejoicing. The government has ordered all public buildings to be decorated in honor of the occasion.

The prettiest line of fancy furniture ever shown in Lima can be seen here. We have made a splendid effort to get together a beautiful display of chairs. Come in and see how well we succeeded. F. E. HARMAN, 315 North Main street.

He Was Poisoned.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Beverly Ward, Jr., a young man well known to New York society was found dead in bed at the club house of the Baltusrol Golf club, near Short Hills, N. J. It is said that his death was caused by poison.

Support Is Fledged.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 17.—Secretary O'Donnell of the Spinners' union received this message from the American Federation of Labor in convention at Nashville. "Convention pledges its support in case of trouble."

Decomposed Body Found.

Sandusky, O., Dec. 17.—The badly decomposed body of Jacob Hober, 56, who has been missing three months, was found in a marsh near here.

"KID" MCCOY THE FAVORITE.

The Contest Between McCoy and Creedon at Long Island City To-night.

Special to the TIMES-DEMOCRAT.

NEW YORK, December 17.—"Kid" McCoy is still the favorite for the 25-round fight with Dan Creedon at Long Island City to-night. Both men are in fine condition. There will be no interference by the civil authorities. Sam Austin has been agreed upon as the referee.

TRANSFERRED TO SPAIN.

General Rivera Was Not Released by Royal Pardon

Special to the TIMES-DEMOCRAT.

HAVANA, December 17.—Developments within the last few days show that rebel general Rius Rivera, who was a prisoner in a Cuban fortress, has not been freed by royal pardon, but has been transferred to a prison in Spain.

Couches, Rugs, Lamp Bookers, Book Cases, Cabinets, Bric-a-brac—a thousand things for Xmas. We have the goods and prices.

It NEWSON, DEAKIN & CO

Fresh Fish at Townsend's. 3 ct

The finest stock of couches in Lima at F. E. Harman's.

They do not undersell us. We have the goods and prices

It NEWSON, DEAKIN & CO

WHY YOU SHOULD BUY SHOES

—AT THE—

COLUMBIA SHOE STORE.

You get what you want. Shoes that fit. Shoes that wear and styles always the latest.

THIS WEEK FOUR SPECIALS.

Men's winter tan, calf lined Shoes, heavy cork soles, for \$8.00

"Marlboro," the silk top patent leather Shoes for Ladies, the swell of the season, worth \$5.00, this week, \$4.00

A handsome new dress Slipper for evening wear, former price \$3.50, for \$3.00

P. Cox special Little Gent Shoes, sizes 8 to 13½, for \$1.75. These are high grade. Ladies' XX lamb's wool soles, 9 Cents

A Present With Every Purchase.

THE COLUMBIA,

Leading Shoe House, Lima, O.

WHEN IN DOUBT

Come to the UNION for your Christmas Presents.

DIRECTORY FOR SHOPPERS.

Trunks,

\$1.50 to \$7.50.

Valises and Traveling Bags,

50 cents to \$10.00.

Canes and Umbrellas,

50 cents to \$5.00.

Bath Robes and Dressing Gowns,

\$2.50 to \$6.00.

Shirts, White and Fancy,

50 cents to \$1.50.

Collars and Cuffs,

10 cents, 15 cents, 25 cents.

Neckties, all kinds and colors.

25 cents to \$1.00.

Plain, Fancy and Silk Suspenders,

25 cents to \$1.50.

Cotton and Wool Socks,

10 cents to 50 cents.

Cotton, Cambric and Linen Handkerchiefs,

10 cents to 50 cents.

Silk Handkerchiefs,

25 cents to \$1.00.

Initial Handkerchiefs,

25 cents to 50 cents.

Cotton, Wool and Silk Mufflers,

25 cents to \$3.00.

Men's Cassimere Suits,

\$2.50 to \$10.00.

Men's Black

Clay Worsted Suits,

\$6.50, \$7.50, \$9.50.

Men's Plaid Cheviot Suits,

\$4.50 to \$15.00.

Men's Overcoats and

Usters,

\$3.50 to \$15.00.

Men's Pants,

50 cents to \$5.00.

Boys' Suits and Overcoats,

\$2.00 to \$12.00.

Children's Suits and

Overcoats,

68 cents to \$10.00.

Children's Beaver Coats,

\$1.50 to \$6.00.

Underwear,

in Cotton and Wool,

18c, 23c, 38c, 50c to \$3.00.

Mackintoshes

for Men and Boys,

\$2.00 to \$15.00.

Gloves and Mittens,

all kinds, 25c to \$2.00.

Night Robes, in Cambric,

Muslin and Flannel,

50 cents to \$2.00.

Hats and Caps for

Men, Boys and Children,

25 cents to \$5.00.

Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc.

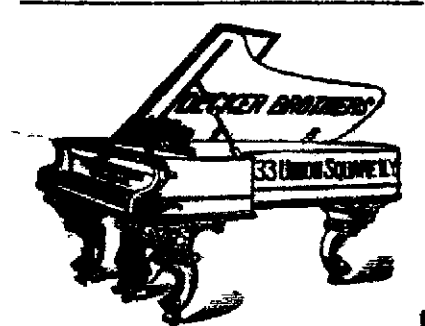
We are sacrificing prices for room as we have to get in shape for our Shoe Department.

THE UNION.

Slaughter Sale!

Who? The Hub.
Where? 135 N. Main St.
What? Boots and Shoes.
When? This Week.

Will be sold at deep cut prices.
Forced to Make Room.
We must consolidate our stores January 1st. Stop and see the prices on our street racks as you pass by. They are loaded down with shoes of all kinds, sizes 2 1/2 and 3, from 50c to \$1.00 while they last.



LOW PRICES ON Musical Merchandise
Mandolins for \$3.75 to \$50
Guitars from \$5.50 to \$50.

Violins, Books, Sheet Music, Cases for all small instruments. The lowest prices on Pianos, Organs and Musical Merchandise you will find at
BEELER & VANGUNTEN'S,
North of Court House.

R. B. HURLEY,
Real Estate, Loans,
Insurance.
Will rent your house and collect your rents. Office with E. H. Bros., Room 1, Col. Bldg. Block, Lima, Ohio. N. W. Cor. Public Square. Lima Phone 22.
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Heavy Judgments Issued.
Norristown, Pa. Dec. 17.—Two executions aggregating \$1500, on judgments held by T. J. Keveney & Company of New York, were issued against James W. Barker, proprietor of the Norristown carpet mill. The mill were consequently closed down, throwing 130 hands out of employment.

Bill For Services.
New York, Dec. 17.—An attachment for \$25,500 was issued to the sheriff against the British North American Trading and Exploration company in favor of Joshua A. Varian for services in connection with the sale of stock of the corporation in August last.

Nothing Known at It.
Berlin, Dec. 17.—The semi-official North German Gazette announces that nothing is known here of any insults being offered to German officers at Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

Oh, How They Hurt.
Neuralgic pains are often so acute, that the poor sufferer becomes, almost, frenzied with the intensity of the pain. Salvation Oil will instantly relieve and effectually cure neuralgia, so there is no reason why a moment's pain should be endured. Mr. Jacob Klein, 1036 Main St., Evansville, Ind., writes: "My wife suffered from neuralgia for seven years and since she used Salvation Oil, she has not had a spell. I think it is the best liniment I have ever tried, and I would not be without a bottle of it in the house. I had the rheumatism for five years and had tried a great many liniments, and must say that the Salvation Oil did me more good than any other remedy." Salvation Oil is sold everywhere for 25 cents.

Ample Protection.
"I see," remarked Mrs. Dukane to her husband, "that one of the Vanderbi to has insured his life for \$1,000,000."
"I suppose," Mr. Dukane replied, "that in the event of his death it will be proper to say that the loss was fully covered by insurance."

Loved the Bottle Before He Has Teeth.
At No 83 Warwick Ave., Zanesville, O., lives Mrs. R. H. Mills, who relates the following experience: "I have used Dr. Hand's Teething Lotion and find it all that it claims to be. Our little boy cut his teeth so hard that he almost had spasms. Bathing his gums with the Lotion would relieve him immediately. He knew the bottle better than all others and would cry for it. I advise every mother who has teething children to use Dr. Hand's Teething Lotion." At all druggists, 25c.

For Kidney Trouble.
There is nothing better than Wiley's Kidney Cure. Everyone who tries it will agree to this. H. F. Vorkamp, a cor. Main and North sts.

AN ORDINANCE
To Prohibit the Erection of Wooden Buildings on Certain Squares Named Therein, and to Repeal Certain Other Ordinances Upon Same Subject.

WHEREAS, the owners of two-thirds of the ground included in a certain square, bounded on the east by Main street, on the north by the Putzberg, Fort Wayne & Chicago railroad, on the west by Elizabeth street, and on the south by High street; also a square commencing on High street at Walnut alley, thence north to North street, thence west to Main street, thence south to High street, thence east to Walnut alley; also a square bounded and described as follows: On the north by Market street, on the west by Main street, on the south by Union street, on the east by Market street; also a square bounded on the east by Main street and public square, on the south by Market street, on the west by Elizabeth street, and on the north by High street; also a square bounded and described as follows: On the east by Main street, on the west by Cherry alley, and on the south by High street; also a square bounded as follows: On the north by Market street, on the east by Main street, on the south by Spring street, and on the west by Elizabeth street, have petitioned the City Council of the City of Lima, Ohio, to prohibit the erection of any building or any addition to any building now erected, more than ten feet high, unless the outer walls be made of brick and mortar, or of iron, or stone and mortar;

Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Lima, Ohio, as follows:
SECTION 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons, firm or corporation to build, erect, or place any building or addition to any building on the territory above described, which shall be more than ten feet high, unless the outer walls of such building or addition so erected, be made of brick and mortar, or of iron, or stone and mortar.
SEC. 2. That if any person or persons, firm or corporation, shall place or erect any building or any addition to any building contrary to the above and foregoing section of this ordinance, it shall be the duty of the Chief of Police of said city to notify said person or persons, firm or corporation in writing, to forthwith remove such building or addition, and if such person or persons, firm or corporation, refuse or neglect to remove said building or addition within three days from the service of such notice, then the Chief of Police shall remove the same and the said person or persons, firm or corporation, so offending against the inhibition of the first section of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof be fined in any sum not less than three hundred dollars (\$300) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500).
SEC. 3. That an ordinance entitled, "An

ordinance to prohibit the erection of wooden buildings on a certain square," passed June 8, 1891, and an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance to prohibit the erection of wooden buildings on a certain square," passed March 2, 1891, and an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance to prohibit the erection of wooden buildings on the City of Lima, Ohio, on certain squares," passed September 3, 1888, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 4. This ordinance shall go into full force and effect from and after the earliest time allowed by law.
Passed this 13th day of December, A. D. 1897.

J. M. McVEY,
President of the Council.

C. E. LYNN, City Clerk.

AN ORDINANCE
To Prohibit the Erection of Stairs, Stands, Hand-railings or Other Permanent Structures Upon Land Dedicated to the City of Lima, Ohio, and to the Public, for Sidewalks, Streets, Alleys or Other Highways, and Repealing Certain Ordinances of a Similar Nature.

Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Lima, Ohio, as follows:
SECTION 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to build, erect or place any stairs, stands, hand railings or other permanent structures upon land dedicated to and accepted by the City of Lima, Ohio, and to the public, for sidewalks, streets, alleys or other highways, it shall be and is hereby made the duty of the Chief of Police of Lima, Ohio, to notify said person or persons in writing to remove such stairs, stands, hand railings or other permanent structure therefrom forthwith, and if such person or persons shall refuse or neglect to remove such stairs, stands, hand railings or other permanent structure within three days from the service of said notice it shall be and is hereby made the duty of the Chief of Police to remove the same, and the person or persons so offending shall on conviction thereof be fined in any sum not less than five nor more than fifty dollars, with cost of suit.

SEC. 2. That if any person or persons, firm or corporation, shall place or erect any building or any addition to any building contrary to the above and foregoing section of this ordinance, it shall be the duty of the Chief of Police of said city to notify said person or persons, firm or corporation in writing, to forthwith remove such building or addition, and if such person or persons, firm or corporation, refuse or neglect to remove said building or addition within three days from the service of such notice, then the Chief of Police shall remove the same and the said person or persons, firm or corporation, so offending against the inhibition of the first section of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof be fined in any sum not less than three hundred dollars (\$300) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500).
SEC. 3. That an ordinance entitled, "An

ordinance to prohibit the erection of stairs, stands, hand railings or other permanent structures upon land dedicated to the City of Lima, Ohio, and to the public, for sidewalks, streets, alleys or other highways," passed September 19, 1891, and an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to amend an ordinance to prohibit the erection of stairs, etc., passed March 18th, 1889, and an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to prohibit the erection of railings on sidewalks or the occupation of sidewalks for walks in certain cases" passed April 8th, 1889, be and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 4. This ordinance shall go into full force and effect from and after the earliest time allowed by law.
Passed this 13th day of December, A. D. 1897.

J. M. McVEY,
President of the Council.

C. E. LYNN, City Clerk.

AN ORDINANCE
To Regulate and Control the Operation of Railroads Within the Corporate Limits of the City of Lima, Ohio, and to Repeal Certain Ordinances Upon the Same Subject.

Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Lima, Ohio, as follows:
SECTION 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation having the care, a revision or control of any railroad train, car or cars, or locomotive, to run, cause, or permit to be run, any such train, car or cars, or locomotive within the corporate limits of said city faster than at the rate of six miles an hour, or without ringing the bell continuously while in motion within the corporate limits of said city.

SEC. 2. That it shall be unlawful for any railroad company, or engineer or employee of such railroad company, to back or push, or cause to be backed or pushed, any car or cars, on or across any public street in said city in the light sea on unless said car or cars shall have a man with a red light on the extremity farthest from the engine, whose duty it shall be to warn persons who may be on the track or approaching it.

SEC. 3. That it shall be unlawful for any railroad company or any engineer or employee of such railroad company to stand any car or engine on any street, or to run a locomotive through or across any street, having the cylinder cocks of such locomotive open.

SEC. 4. That it shall be unlawful to make a running switch with any train or cars at any time on or across any street within the corporate limits of said city.

SEC. 5. That it shall be unlawful for any person or corporation running or operating a railway train or engine within the corporate limits of said city to blow the whistle of such engine.

SEC. 6. Any person violating or failing to perform any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not less than five dollars (\$5.00) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each offense so committed.

SEC. 7. That an ordinance entitled "An ordinance requiring flagmen at certain street crossings," etc., passed July 10th, 1883, and an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to regulate the speed of locomotive trains and cars within the corporate limits of the City of Lima, Ohio, etc.," passed April 11th, 1892, be and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 8. This ordinance shall go into full force and effect from and after the earliest time allowed by law.
Passed this 13th day of December, A. D. 1897.

J. M. McVEY,
President of the Council.

C. E. LYNN, City Clerk.

AN ORDINANCE
Providing for the Appointment of Special Policemen to be Known as Merchant Police and Prescribing Their Duties and Repealing Certain Ordinances Heretofore Passed.

Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Lima, Ohio, as follows:
SECTION 1. That the Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio, may on the application of any person who shows the necessity thereof appoint any person to do duty as a special

police officer at any place within the City at the charge and expense of the person by whom such application is made, and said special police officer so appointed in conformity with the terms and provisions of this ordinance shall neither directly nor indirectly receive any compensation from the City of Lima, Ohio.

SEC. 2. When the Mayor shall so appoint any person as a special police officer under the provisions of this ordinance, he shall submit the name of said appointee, together with a brief statement of his reasons for making such appointment, to the City Council, and all of said report shall be entered in full by the Clerk on the minutes of said body, and if the City Council shall confirm the appointment, then said appointee shall take the oath of office prescribed for municipal officers, and shall give bond in the sum of One Thousand Dollars to the approval of the Mayor and acceptance of the City Council, with two approved sureties, residents of said City of Lima, Ohio, said bond to be conditioned according to law.

SEC. 3. Said police officer after being duly qualified, shall hold his said office for one year, unless sooner removed, and he may be so removed at the request of the person upon whose application he was appointed, or he may be suspended or removed for any malfeasance in office; during his term of office he shall have power of apprehend and arrest any and all persons in the act of committing any offense against the laws of the State of Ohio, or the ordinances of the City of Lima, Ohio, or to pursue and arrest any person upon warrant duly issued therefor, and he shall be governed in such acts by the general ordinances of the City and the laws of the State of Ohio, which regulate the official conduct of the regular police force.

SEC. 4. All persons appointed in conformity with the terms of this ordinance shall be known as "Merchant Police" and shall wear a metallic badge or emblem inscribed with the words, "Merchant Police" which badge or emblem shall also be inscribed with the regular consecutive number of the appointee; and the Mayor shall have general supervisory power over such appointees, not in conflict with the purposes for which they are appointed, but they shall not be subject to the direction of the Chief of Police or Lieutenant of Police, yet they shall at all times be subject to and be governed by any rules that may be recommended by the police committee and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lima, Ohio.

SEC. 5. That an ordinance entitled "An ordinance providing for the establishment and government of a police department," passed July 21, 1873, and an ordinance entitled "An ordinance providing for the appointment of special policemen to be known as merchant police, prescribing their duties and fixing their compensation," passed October 19th, 1891, be and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 6. This ordinance shall go into full force and effect from and after the earliest time allowed by law.
Passed this 13th day of December, A. D. 1897.

J. M. McVEY,
President of the Council.

C. E. LYNN, City Clerk.

NO. 54.

East Side Public Square. First-class Barber Shop. Ladies' and Children's Hair Cutting done to order. Special room for ladies' hair dressing.
A. G. LUTZ, Proprietor.

A HOT, HUSTLING HOLIDAY SALE.

The overloaded shelves and counters of THE MAMMOTH must be unloaded. Christmas is coming and in order to accomplish this purpose we will make the people some Christmas gifts in the shape of striking startling and telling reductions in all departments of the BIG STORE—an actual overturning of prices which cannot fail to command the attention of every resident in Lima. We have the largest and finest supply of goods for the holiday trade to be found in the city of Lima. Indeed, to tell the truth, our stock is entirely too large and some of it must be sacrificed to satisfy our demands for space. How this sacrifice is to be made is told below

HAPPY HOLIDAY BARGAINS.

Suspenders Each pair is in an ornamental box. We have hundreds of colors and kinds of web at all prices. Beautiful English and French Suspenders in fancy boxes. Elegant Persian styles, silk brocades, genuine hand embroidered, or painted, or shantung plain color silk or silk ready for painting or embroidery, each pair with gold or silver buckle, at very attractive prices. No end to our variety in Boys' Suspenders.

Gloves. Genuine Scotch Kilt, warm and durable at 25, 35, 45 and 75c. Cloth Gloves in handsome shades, 25 to 50c. Beautiful assortments of Girls' Dress and Walking Gloves in Kid, Castor, Dog Skin, etc., at prices ranging from \$1 to \$2.25. For Top Kid Gloves in great variety. Complete stock of Gentlemen's Sea Skin, Beaver and Driving Gloves at greatly reduced prices.

Hosiery. No ends to kinds and qualities. We can show white, colored, fancy mixed and fancy striped cotton in all combinations and colors. Merino, Cashmere and Shaw county knit in great variety.

Neckwear. We have in stock over 20,000 Neckties, Scarfs, etc., of every conceivable style of silk and of all the most approved patterns and fashionable shapes. We are, in fact, Lima's headquarters for the newest things in Neckwear. Our assortment of Neckties—Paisley, Bow, Ascot, etc., for boys, is equally as attractive.

Muffers. It takes one whole section of our elegant Furnishing Goods Department to contain and display the elegant array of Muffers we have prepared for the holiday trade. Rich effects in all Cashmere Muffers at from 25c to \$1. Beautiful ones in silk and Cashmere all the way from 25c to \$4, quantities that cannot be duplicated in the city at one and one half the price. All silk Muffers in bewitching colors of Paisley and Brocade effects, also in charming plain shades, as well as cream color and white—prices, 50c, 60c, 75c and \$1. Ladies are cordially invited to visit the store and view these novelties, which make elegant Christmas presents.

Jerseys and Jackets Men's Knit Jackets in durable dark colors and faultless fit, for \$1, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$3.50 and \$5.00. Men's hand-fashioned Cordigan Knit Jackets all the way from \$1 to \$8.00.

Cuff and Collar Boxes. A fine variety in Russia Leather at low prices.

Umbrellas. The range of prices for silk is from \$3 to \$8, embracing all the intermediate qualities and novelties in handles. The prices for Mobair or Alpaca run from 75c to \$1.50. The prices for Scotch Gingham, warranted fast black, are 50c to \$1.25. If this fact you may be certain: Our prices are much lower than the prices asked for the same grades at other stores in the city.

Smoking Jackets AND DRESSING GOWNS in a new fabric and shape suitable for the nobly youth, the dresy man, or the quiet taste of the elderly gentleman. Some styles plain and rich, other styles showy and gorgeous.

Rubber Coats AND MACKINTOSHES are very useful presents. We have all the best makes and shapes in sizes for men, youths and boys. We also have Caps and Leggings. The prices on all these goods are very low. Why not give a present that is good for a rainy day.

Bath Robes. A necessary adjunct to Men's wardrobe. Our stock contains the largest variety to be found in the city. Our prices are the lowest.

Overcoat Talk.

This great discount brings the price of Men's Elegant Satin Lined Overcoats down to \$15. It brings the price of magnificent Satin Lined Overcoats down to \$10. It brings elegant Fur Beaver Overcoats down to \$8. It brings grand Overcoats down to \$6. It brings superb Overcoats down to \$5. It brings 3,000 plain and rough Beaver Overcoats down to \$4. It cuts the price of Boys' and Children's Overcoats in the same proportion. Dark serviceable Overcoats for boys, ages 4 to 11, go for \$2.50. Nice Cape Overcoats go for \$2. It reduces the price of Boys' Overcoats so that every boy can afford to buy.

Clothing Talk.

It goes without saying that we have the largest and best stock of Men's and Boys' Clothing to be found in the city of Lima. The elegant tailor-made STEIN-BLOCH SUITS all the way from \$10 to \$25. Goods of other grades at prices so low that there is no excuse for not wearing new and well fitting clothing.

A New Hat

Is a good thing for a Christmas present. Our stock of Hats includes the latest shapes and styles and our prices are in keeping with the cut in other departments.

Those contemplating holiday purchases would do well to visit the store before the holiday rush begins. Time and temper will thus be saved and greater satisfaction secured. Allow us to suggest that selections be made now and the goods will be laid away until wanted.

THE MAMMOTH STORE.

The Lima Times-Democrat

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NEWS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY



IN THE TIMES DEMOCRAT



THE ENDLESS CHAIN.

"The attempt to break the endless
chain by refusing to pay out green-
backs once redeemed except in ex-
change for gold is not to begin until
the receipts of the government are
quite sufficient to pay all the expenses
of the government."

That is to say, the administration's
policy is to postpone any revision of
the currency until there is a surplus
instead of a deficit—a change of con-
ditions which can be effected only by
either cutting down expenses or rais-
ing more revenue.

This is as it should be; but the
process of cutting down expenses
might appropriately and gracefully
have begun in the departments esti-
mate. —New York Sun

This makes good reading for one
that doesn't give the question of our
money system any thought.

The law gives the secretary of the
treasury the privilege when green-
backs are presented for redemption
to pay in either gold or silver, and
all that President McKinley has to
do to break this endless chain is to
insist on the secretary offering silver
when gold is demanded, and the
chain will be broken there and then,
and the gold reserve will take care of
itself without the sale of more bonds.

President McKinley is liable to
change his policy any time, having
changed his mind several times on
the money question. When in con-
gress—I believe the record shows—
he advocated the independent free
silver coinage; when a candidate for
president he was first for international
free coinage; as president, at the
close of the extra session of congress
in a special message, he recommended
the gold standard, and at the very
time that his international commis-
sion, assisted by the French represen-
tatives, were laboring with the Eng-
lish cabinet in the hopes of success to
open the India mints to free silver,
when this action of the president
brought negotiations to a close, as it
gave the English government to un-
derstand that he was not so much in
favor of international bimetalism as
he let on to be. Now, as a matter of
fact, didn't the president change his
mind on the immediate re-
suring of the greenbacks—be-
cause the senate continues to stand
in the way. Does any one suppose
that if the money power controlled
the senate that the president would
have given one thought that he could
have controlled to this postponement
of retiring the greenbacks? The con-
dition of the people of the United
States, made bad by our money sys-
tem, has no weight in shaping his
ideas on this question; he is fully
controlled by social influence—money
I would ask, if the reduction of the
volume of standard money makes
money scarce and increases its price
and makes labor cheap and reduces
the price of products?—if the masses
of our people are not reduced from an
independent to a dependent position?
If that is true how can the govern-

ment receipts be increased to an
amount sufficient to meet the govern-
ment expenses, which are increased
year by year instead of being re-
duced to conform to the volume of
money? Where does the money come
from? Is it imported commodities, and
not a cent from their representative,
money. The estimated increase of
government expenses is enormous, as
estimated by the several departments.
It will require \$77,000,000 more for
1899 than it will for 1898.

Has McKinley changed front on
the Cuban question? What does the
Republican platform of 1896 say on
this question? What was it the sup-
porters of the gold standard pro-
claimed from their door yards and on
the highways, and the editors of gold
bug papers from their sanctuaries, of
what should be done to president
Cleveland because of his indifference
on the Cuban question, and what Mc-
Kinley would do when elected? Has
he changed his mind since he was
elected?

Take his last message to congress,
where he refers to the bimetallic
commission, he says that "they have
been diligent in their efforts to se-
cure the concurrence and co-opera-
tion of European countries in the in-
ternational settlement of the ques-
tion, but up to this time have not
been able to secure an agreement
contemplated by their mission."

What does he mean by this? Is he
trying to further fool the Republican
voters, and is it possible that he can
do so? After recommending the
gold standard to congress, by special
message, and devoting much time
and space in his last message in sup-
port of that recommendation.

The fact is Wm. McKinley, as
president, is like a dependent em-
ployee, who seems to think he has to
do whatever he is told, right or
wrong—even to voting—and when
he commits the first act, by order of
his employer, he may be considered
thereafter a tool, willing and ready
to commit any act so ordered, and
William, having put his foot in it,
has to do whatever the gold money
power says must be done.

Emerson must have had this par-
ticular case in view when he wrote
the following:
"But the president has paid dear
for his white house. It has com-
monly lost him all his peace and the
best of his manly attributes, to pre-
serve for a short time so conspicuous
an appearance before the world, he
is content to eat dust before the real
masters, who stand erect behind the
throne." G. W. JAMES.

Lima, O., Dec. 15, 1897.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Who They Are, Where They Have
Been and Are Going.

H. Bailey is in Piqua to day.

T. Johnson is in Sidney to-day.

L. L. Johnson, of Sidney, is in the
city.

Glen Baxter is in Dayton, on busi-
ness.

Milo Hadsell went to Ouster this
morning.

Dan Conway went to Toledo this
morning.

M. McCray went to Hume this
morning.

W. M. Meister went to Toledo this
morning.

A. E. Hurd went to Piqua this
morning.

Chas. Griswold left for Chillicothe
this morning.

E. O. Kertz went to Cincinnati
this morning.

F. C. Hoyt went to Wapakoneta
this morning.

B. H. Fangeby, of Bellefontaine,
is in the city.

Miss Bertha Hatch went to Toledo
this afternoon.

L. M. Sidney, of St. Marys, is stop-
ping at the Cambridge.

H. P. Williamson went to South
Bend, Ind., last evening.

Harry Bentley was in Ada yester-
day on legal business.

W. M. Bowsher, of Orideraville,
was in the city yesterday.

Attorney Marble, of Van Wert, is
in the city on legal business.

Clifton McConnell, of Upper San-
dusky, was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. Owen Butler was called to
Toledo yesterday by the illness of a
relative.

Miss Grace Orchard, who has been
studying music in Chicago, returned
home last evening to spend Christ-
mas.

The Misses Moore, who have been
attending Oxford college, at Oxford,
returned home last evening to spend
their Christmas vacation.

Will Snook and family, of Frank-
fort, Ind., are here to spend the hol-
idays with his mother, Mrs. Cath-
arine Snook, of Wayne and Jackson
streets. Mr. Snook is an engineer on
Cleveland railroad.

Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Abell have re-
turned from Buffalo, N. Y., where
Mr. Abell has been a patient in a
private hospital, for the past several
weeks. Mr. Abell returned entirely
cured of his ailment.

Our Home Made Chocolates
are ready for inspection. Leave your
orders early for Christmas.
STOLZENBACH & Co.

NEW COMPANY

Organized in Lima to Loan Money
on Real Estate.

Twelve Stockholders Selected—Over Five
Hundred Shares of Stock Subscribed.

The Allen County Building and
Loan Association was organized last
evening at a meeting held by the
stockholders in the office of Leland
& Roby. The meeting was an en-
couraging one to those who have
been endeavoring to organize the new
association. Over 550 shares have
been subscribed and almost one hun-
dred shares were raised last evening
by those in attendance. The arti-
cles of incorporation have been
issued by the secretary of the state
to O. F. Stolzenbach, E. W. Mosier,
Dr. D. H. Sullivan, J. W. Shanahan
and William Hoover. The outlook
for the new association is a very
promising one. At the meeting last
evening O. F. Stolzenbach acted as
chairman and F. F. Leland as sec-
retary. The stockholders selected the
following directors to serve for one,
two and three years:

For three years—J. W. Shanahan,
Dr. D. H. Sullivan, O. F. Stolzen-
bach.

For two years—T. J. Morris, M. J.
Sullivan, William Hoover.

For one year—John Crumrine, E.
Mosier, F. A. Holland.

COHEN BOUND OVER.

Pleaded Not Guilty to the Charge in
Justice Atmur's Court.

William Cohen, who was brought
from Richmond, Ind., by sheriff
Fisher, was arraigned before justice
Atmur this morning to answer to
the charge of having embezzled
\$48.50 of the funds of the
Lima Installment Company, the
affidavit in the case having
been signed by L. A. Griswold. Co-
hen pleaded not guilty, waived
the right of preliminary examination
and was bound over to the grand
jury. In default of \$300 bond he
was sent to the county jail.

Nobody Likes

a low man—everybody likes a low
price. Look for our special, Satur-
day.

STOLZENBACH.

There is no place in Lima
like Harman's for Christmas
presents. Drop in and see



Hunting...

The Slipper

Is a popular game with the children on
holiday occasions. To make it popular
with their elders we wish to draw atten-
tion to our fine line of holiday Shoes and
Slippers. Useful as well as ornamental, is
our motto—when selecting goods. You
get your money's worth when you buy of us.
A book or a doll given with a two-dollar
leather purchase.

Don't forget the place:

THE WAUGH SHOE STORE,

No. 31 Public Square.
A Large Line of Pictures Just In.

REYNO H. TREAT

Jackets

BUY NOW.

We now offer our entire stock of La-
dies' Jackets at reduced prices. Come
quick! Make your selections now before
the sizes are broken.

209 N. Main St. 209 N. Main St.

REYNO H. TREAT

ADVANCE HOLIDAY SHOE SALE

New styles for Holiday Trade.

NOVELTIES FOR CHILDREN.

Warm lined Shoes for older people.

Slippers in hundreds of styles for everybody.

Better opportunities to be satisfied with values not found
elsewhere.

Holiday Slippers

Over 1,000 pairs to select from.
Dozens of styles in all sizes.

Finest Silk Sewed Embroidered Slip-
pers, best make, regular 90c grade,
all sizes 50c

alligator Slippers, leather all thro',
patent leather trimmed, all sizes 75c

Men's hand turned Slippers, black or
colors, soft pliable, wear well 1.00

Men's Finest Russia Calf, Goat, Harvard and
Everette, soft hard turn soles, big values,
\$1.25, \$1.35, \$1.50, \$1.75.

It will pay you to select them now.

Child's fancy stitch and trimmed novelty
shoes at the price of regular made shoes.
Lace or Button, sizes 5 to 8, with spring heels,
new toes and best.

\$1.00.

Soft sole shoes for infants—first shoes
Patent leather or durgola, all the new com-
binations, silk and satin tops the newest
things for baby.

50c. and 75c.

Men's hand-sewed Scotch edge shoes, all
sizes and widths the new toes and big bargains
as good as some \$5.00 shoes, special this week

At \$3.00.

Over four styles Ladies' \$3.00 shoes in all
styles, cloth or kid tops, special this week at

\$2 a Pair.

LADIES' WARM LINED SHOES

Wide easy shapes, for old folks, soft mass
kidd or durgola, hand turn soles, wool
lined, ifannel lined, low pr. 60.

Ladies' warm lined durgola, soft
and easy, convenient, wear well 1.25

Fancy Toilet Slippers

All colors, narrow or wide toes a'all up fox-
ing, fur trimmed, nothing nicer for a pres-
ent.

\$1.50 and \$1.25

Only felt Slippers, fur trimmed
high tops all see reduce to \$1.25

About new styles of children's shoes just
in this week in holiday trade

\$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

We always have just what you want

Boys' solid dress shoes, new toes, all sizes
in youths' and boys' well made and service-
able, worth full y 50 cents more.

\$1.25.

We advise our customers to buy their Christmas Shoes and Slippers
right now. To-day. In advance of the rush and before the sizes are broken.

Store open evening until Christmas.

GOODING'S,

280 NORTH MAIN STREET.



Christmas ... Rings.

Christmas Watches, Christmas novelties, Christmas everything in the line of Jewelry. Just the stock to feast your eyes on and from which to pick out the something that will make a pleasing gift. And the cost will not prevent anyone buying. Such little prices for such big values were never before seen or heard of. Santa Claus can afford to be liberal this year.

Adolph Fox.
224 N. Main St.

**HOOVER'S
NOTION
STORE.**

213 S. Main Street,

FOR Xmas Goods,

Games, Toys, Dolls and Household Goods in Large Assortments.

Will sell cheap, as we are going out of business and must close out our entire stock.

**HOOVER'S
Notion Store.**

WANTED.

WANTED—Furniture, stoves, men's clothing, watches and jewelry. Bar gains in second hand goods at 125 E. Market St. [ATKINSON & HOFFMAN]

WANTED—Men in or near Lima to act as private detectives under instructions. Experience unnecessary. Address Universal Detective Agency, Indianapolis, Ind. Nov. 11 2m

WANTED CLOTHING—Highest price paid for all kinds of goods, second hand clothing. Money loaned on personal property, watches, bicycles and all kinds of musical instruments. Bargains in second hand goods. 111 East Wayne Street. 9-1-17

GYMNASIUM NOTES.

Ladies' Class Attracting Much Interest—All Classes Largely Attended.

The ladies' physical culture class met yesterday at 4:15, which was the largest of the season. Numbers always increase interest and benefits. All members, or those desiring to be, are urged to be on hand. Many additional individuals will begin their course of instruction after the holidays.

Programme of the above classes yesterday: Military tactics, free corvative exercises, run upon track, permission exercises, dumb bell drill basket ball.

The hygienic class for business men at 4:30, for 30 minutes.

At 8 o'clock the general, including business men, students and mechanics, and all who desire in the senior membership.

Saturday evening at 9:30 the ladies meet again.

At 2:30 the 50 juniors meet with scheduled basket ball between White and Watt.

At 7:30 pentathlon practice.

At 8:30 basket ball between Zimmerman and Boyton. Public are invited to be on hand. No charge. No class Christmas or during the following week of holidays.

New Years, opera house.

After serious illness Hood's Sarsaparilla has wonderful building up power. It purifies the blood and restores perfect health.

They do not undersell us. We have the goods and prices.
It
NEWSON, DEAKIN & CO.

Unbreakable Dolls

See the nice assortment of unbreakable dolls at 50c, 75c, 98c. \$1.25 and \$1.50 each at Felix Bros. & Co.'s. It

Yesterday our store was crowded; everybody happy; we have the goods and prices. Newson, Deakin & Co.

DAMAGE SUIT

Against the Trustees of Richland Township Being Heard.

Notorum Co-Gman Petitioners the Court for a Divorce—Attorney Huber Acting as a Referee.

The damage suit of Andrew Freyeman against Daniel Leroy, Henry Rickey, and S. O. Hausenstein, trustees of Richland township, was called this morning in the common pleas court. Freyeman claims in his petition that the trustees entered upon and appropriated a part of his land for a public highway without the proper legal proceedings, and for the unlawful appropriation of his land he asks for \$300 damages. Ira Longworth is the attorney for the plaintiff while Ridenour & Hallhill are the counsel for the defense.

APPLICATION FILED.

John Peiffer filed an application for the appointment of administrator of the estate of Peter Peiffer, deceased.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

Eimer E. Sutton and Bertha M. Jennings.

NEW SUITS.

Thos. R. Jones & Son vs. Henry A. Swan and Nelson B. Swan, transcript.

J. J. Ewing vs. Mary McSweeney, transcript.

T. B. Jones & Son vs. Emma Mitchell and John Mitchell, transcript.

DESKED AND NEGLECTED.

Rebecca A. Coffman, through her attorney, has filed a suit for divorce against her husband, John Coffman. They were married June 6th, 1891, and two children have been born to them. She alleges in her petition that he abandoned her about the 6th day of January, 1896, and that prior to that time he failed to provide for her, and asks for a divorce upon the grounds of gross neglect of duty and desertion.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Conrad P. Danner, executor of Barbara Danner, to Francis Herrman, lot 32 in Bluffton; \$667.

J. A. Jacobs to H. C. Franklin, lot in Perry township; \$100

BEFORE A REFEREE.

Attorney Huber today is acting as referee in the suit of Thomas Whittington against William M. Jones for \$230. The dispute is over the payment for a certain lease.

LAST ACCOUNT FILED.

Gus Kalb to-day, as assignee of H. J. Jacobson, filed his final account.

AMONG THE RAILROADS.

NOTES.

Traveling engineer, of the C., H. & D., is in the city.

Brakeman Charles Durbin, of the L. E. & W., is laying off.

Brakeman D. M. Anderson, of the L. E. & W., is on duty on the west local again.

Superintendent of equipment P. Reilly, of the L. E. & W., went to Peru, Ind., yesterday.

Brakeman Will Doty, of the L. E. & W., is laying off. Brakeman Dugan is working in his place.

O. J. Sweeney, recently of the C., H. & D., has entered the service of the L. E. & W. as an extra brakeman.

Dan Conway and Tim O'Brien, of the C., H. & D. boiler shops, went to Toledo this morning to do some work for the railroad at that place.

O., H. & D. engines 102 and 322 which are out out of the shops, made their trial trips to-day. Engineer Popp was in charge of 102 and engineer Myers was on the 322.

The Detroit & Lima Northern railroad, which has been using the Northern Ohio tracks through town, has been quietly working for the right of way for an independent track, and has closed the purchase of enough property to let them through just west of the Northern Ohio, which cuts the latter road off from town. Work on grading will begin at once, and the company expects to erect stock yards, coal sheds, an elevator, etc., or give the privileges to individuals to do so. Toledo Bee

Beautiful things in ladies' secretaries and chiffonieres at Neuman & Williams'. 66

We're not so busy but what we can take care of you. Come in and see what nice things we have for Christmas presents. A little money buys a whole lot of nice things at F. E. Harman's.

Imm Toys.

Visit our Economy Basement if you want some suitable toys for a boy or girl. Our stock is larger than ever before, and, judging by the way the people are buying, our prices are absolutely the lowest.
It
FELIX BROS. & CO.

The finest assortment of book cases in the city at Neuman & Williams'. 66

Miss Blanche Gould Ebbert.

In regard to Miss Blanche Gould Ebbert, who will assist at the testimonial of Miss Mary Klatte, at Faurst opera house next Friday evening, the Cincinnati Post says:

"Miss Ebbert is, without question, one of the very finest of pianists she has, in the first place, the primary substratum for a musician—an artistic temperament. Her music sounds musical; her technical powers are well balanced and highly developed, so that whatever she undertakes receives an adequate embodiment through her strong and agile fingers. She performs the composition in such a way that the light of intelligence and the flow of feeling are never absent."

Advance sale opens at Melville's Monday.

Steinbach's a Dandy on Candy and his store is quite handy.

FORTY COUPLES

Participated in the Informal Dance in the Armory Last Night.

The Lima Football Club gave an informal dance in the armory last night that was enjoyed by over forty couples. The dance was given in the hope that money might be made to place in the treasury of the club, which unfortunately ended the season with less money in the treasury than when it opened.

The dance was a very delightful affair. The programme consisted of fifteen numbers, most of which were the waltz and two step. The music was furnished by Mrs. Walter Scott.

See the beautiful new parlor lamps just received at F. E. Harman's.

—AT— Van De Grift's PHOTOGRAPH GALLERY

You can get the latest style mountings and the best work. Photographs are always an acceptable Christmas present to your friends. 56½ Public Square.

Wanted.

the name of any buyer who has not been satisfied with Steinbach's home made chocolates, full cream caramels, nut candy, &c.

CASTORIA.

See the beautiful new parlor lamps just received at F. E. Harman's.

THE RUG!

10,000

Good things for Xmas. A chance with every 25 cents spent with us.

NEWSON, DEAKIN & CO.

G. E. BLUEM.

57 PUBLIC SQUARE.

G. E. BLUEM.

LET US REMIND YOU

Of the many choice things that can be bought here for Christmas Gifts. It's true we are very busy these days, and every effort is made to see that every one is waited on, and properly, because we want to serve you well.

Have You A Mother

To buy a nice Dress Pattern for as a Christmas Gift? Mother or sister would certainly appreciate a Dress Pattern for Christmas. Such a nice assortment of Dress Goods in black or colored can be found here and every Dress Pattern sold will be put up in a neat box, the only way to give it as a Christmas Gift.

Kid Gloves.

The Best \$1. \$1.25 and \$1.50 Kid Gloves

In Lima are sold at this store, and if you buy a \$1.25 pair or higher price a handsome box goes with them.

Holiday Handkerchiefs.

They are selling well. This store has always been noted for the good values given in Handkerchiefs. If you buy a dollar's worth a handsome box goes with them.

Bric-a-Bracs,
Choice Books,
Fur Collarettes,
Children's Fur Sets,
Mackintoshes,
Cloaks for Ladies,
Capes for Ladies,
Nobby Jackets

For Misses and Children at Bargain Prices.

UMBRELLAS

FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

We know that we have the greatest line of Holiday Umbrellas ever shown in Lima. Come in and see for yourself. All at popular prices, too.

Fancy Silks.

Evening shades, the regular \$2.00 qualities for

\$1.38 this week.

They will make an elegant Christmas Gift. You will do well to see these Silks.

G. E. BLUEM.

57 PUBLIC SQUARE.

The Dry Goods, Dress Goods and Cloak House.

OPEN EVENINGS.

People and Things.

You need to purchase something today—if you do not you are an exceptional mortal. Christmas is the time for remembering our friends. You are looking for something tasteful, pretty and artistic, just appropriate for the season. You will find it at

Metellus Thomson's New Store.

Store—233-235 N. Main St.

Another Thing.

You are only in right relation to the things you want to buy when you get the best values at the smallest cost. We are trying our best to secure just that result for you. Our great success in doing it will be demonstrated by a visit to our new store. The advertising only points the way.

Specials for To-night.

Plated Mugs, Silver Gift Goods, 13c.
Ladies' Fine Initial Handkerchiefs, 6 in a handsome box, 52 cents a box.
Men's Fine Silk Ties, a big special value, price to-night 12 cents.
Large size 1/4 Blankets, price \$3.00, to-night \$2.25.
All Wool Blankets, price \$2.50, to-night \$1.98 a pair.

Women's Coats and Capes.

Special prices offered upon every garment. Far and away the most remarkable values we have ever offered in equal goods.

Special Values in Novelty Dress Goods.

One lot was 75 cts. now 59 cts. per yard.
One lot was \$1.00, now 75 cts. per yard.
One lot was \$1.25, now 98 cts. per yard.
Any buyer of Novelty Dress Goods who neglects this offering, buys ignorantly.

Children's Toys.

Come and look at our large selection of Toys, Dolls, and other lively and inexpensive presents for the youngsters, all the fancy little toys, etc., that make them happy at a very small cost.

—THE—
Metellus Thomson
DRY GOODS CO.
233-235 North Main Street.

THE COLLECTORSHIP

Merry War Over George W. Hull's Fat Job.

ASPIRANTS' LIST GROWING.

Another Richmond in the Field in the Person of Bob Kennedy, of Bellefontaine—Waldorf Still Meeting.

The collectorship situation is growing more complex every day, and it now looks as though Bessie Hull might be able to keep his job until the daisies bloom again.

Another element—a compromise one—has been introduced into the contest by Bob Kennedy entering the arena and giving out the impression that McKinley had promised him the position. Those opposed to him meet his claim by a statement that McKinley tied a string to his promise by promising him the position if he could secure the united endorsement of both Hanna and Foraker—a contingency which the state president did not believe was likely to arise. A telegram from Washington touching the situation there says:

It is now the opinion here among those who are in position to know that the Toledo collectorship will not be settled until after the United States senatorship has been decided by the Ohio legislature next month. Both Vortiede and Waldorf are leaving nothing undone to aid their candidacy. Bonner's friends have made no special effort beyond placing in the hands of the president a document signed by a number of prominent Toledo Republicans protesting against the appointment of Waldorf and setting forth Bonner's qualifications for the office. Bonner has not filed regular application with indorsements, as the others have done, although a great many private letters indorsing him have been written to the president and senators.

And following this comes another, which says:

There is a rumor here that former congressman Robert Kennedy, of Bellefontaine, Ohio, is an applicant for George Hull's place as collector of internal revenue for the Toledo district. It is said that the president indicated to Kennedy that if he would get Hanna and Foraker to unite upon him he would appoint him.

So that at the present moment it is anybody's fight, with no person very far in advance of his opponents.

It is very probable that Waldorf has sufficient pull to land the job, notwithstanding the effort being made against him by the Foraker contingent. Waldorf is very close to Sherman and Hanna, and those influences can come very near accomplishing what they desire with the present executive.

LOCAL NEWS ON FOUR PAGES.

The third page of each edition of the TIMES-DEMOCRAT contains a large amount of fresh, spicy local news. The demand made upon the advertising columns of this popular newspaper makes it impossible to crowd upon less than four pages all the local news that we carry each night. So do not neglect to look all over the paper to get all we give you. Local news to-day will be found on the 3d, 4th, 5th and 6th pages.

Pay Your Water Bills
For the first half of 1938 and save the discount of 10 per cent. 44

Great Holiday Handkerchief Selling.

Early accounted for by the wonderful variety and desirable qualities in our stock; by the very low, attractive prices, and the other points which make this the most satisfactory store in Lima to purchase these always popular holiday gifts. We have a complete assortment at 1, 3, 5, 8, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 18, 20, 25 to 50 cents each. 44

Kelly.
Choice Delaware Holly Wreaths and Wreathing at Swan's, the Florist, 209 west Market street. 44

CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

A china dinner set, \$14.88.
A nice decorated chamber set, \$5.
A handsome parlor lamp, \$1 up.

A nice side board, \$7.50.
A pretty china closet, \$8.
A parlor cabinet, \$12.50.
A music cabinet, \$7.50.
A nice brass bed, \$27.50.
A pretty table, \$1.88.
A nice leather chair, \$18.

And a thousand and one suitable articles for Christmas gifts can be found at F. W. Harman's, 216 north Main street.

They do not undersell us. We have the goods and prices.
16 NEWSON, DEAKIN & Co.

Feetstoppers
and Purses for 125, 250 and 400 at Bauer's.

A SMOOTH FORGER

Passes a "Fake" Check Upon an Unsuspecting Merchant.

SUSPECT CAPTURED HERE

By Sergeant Watts—Last Evening—May Have Been an Accomplice, But Has Not Yet Been Identified—How the Work Was Done.

Last evening sergeant Watts received a telephone message announcing that there was a man at the Standard Oil Co.'s works on Pearl street who answered the description of a suspicious character who was wanted at Findlay. Mr. Watts hastened to the place, apprehended the stranger and placed him under arrest. The prisoner gave his name as O. M. Boone, of Hicksville, Ohio, and remarked to the officer that the Standard oil people could not charge him with forgery or embezzlement because he had handled none of the company's funds.

A SMOOTH FORGERY.

A few days ago a well dressed stranger who claimed to be a task inspector for the Standard Oil Co. dropped into Napoleon and made the acquaintance of one of the leading merchants there. He told the merchant that he expected a remittance from the Standard, and when he went to the postoffice he offered to get the merchant's mail also. The latter agreed, gave the stranger his post-office key, and the fellow returned with two letters for the merchant and one for himself, under the name of Hummel. He was careful that the merchant saw his letter, and especially when he opened it and drew forth a check for \$97, apparently authorized by the Standard Oil Co. from the office of S. T. Curtis, one of the officials at Toledo. The check was cashed by the merchant, the stranger disappeared, and when the check was sent in it was protested and found to be a forgery.

Nothing more was heard of Hummel, but day before yesterday the man who is now a prisoner at the police station appeared at the Standard's office in Findlay, represented himself as an employee sent there by Mr. Curtis, and told a story similar to Hummel's about expecting a remittance the next morning. He was given some money to get something to eat, but the office employees were suspicious of him and when his remittance did not appear, they telephoned to the Toledo office concerning the matter. Mr. Curtis had all the branch offices notified and that resulted in the arrest of the man Boone here last evening.

Mr. Curtis and the Napoleon merchant who lost the \$97, came to this city this morning, but Boone could not be identified as the man who passed the forged check.

PRESENTS FOR GENTLEMEN.

The Latest Fashions and of the Highest Grade.

Dents & Perin's gloves.
In neckwear—Ascots, puffs, four-in-hands, tecks and club ties.

Silk mufflers, silk suspenders.

Extra fine silk and linen handkerchiefs.

Umbrellas and walking sticks of the latest creation.
Fall dress outfits.

Suit cases and traveling bags.

Smoking jackets and bath robes.

Fancy hosiery and night robes.

Fine fleeced-lined driving gloves.

4 St. HUMB, the Hatter.

Yesterday our store was crowded; everybody happy; we have the goods and prices. Newson, Deakin & Co.

Who Originated the Saying:
"You can't please everybody?" We do it every time on our home made chocolates. Leave your orders for your Christmas box early.
STOLZENBACH & Co.

Couches, Rugs, Lamps, Rockers, Book Cases, Cabinets. Bric-a-brac—thousand things for Xmas. We have the goods and prices.
NEWSON, DEAKIN & Co.

We don't sell groceries, but we do sell the choicest Xmas Trees, Holly and Wreathing. Swan, the Florist, 209 west Market street. 44

Try Arndt for your groceries, 518 north Main street. 26

Couches, Rugs, Lamps, Rockers, Book Cases, Cabinets. Bric-a-brac—thousand things for Xmas. We have the goods and prices.
DEAKIN, NEWSON & Co.

Feetstoppers
and Purses for 125, 250 and 400 at Bauer's.

WERE IDENTIFIED.

The Stolen Clothes Belong at Crideraville.

NEW IN POLICE COURT.

Next Was Fined by the Mayor This Morning for Disorderly Conduct—Phillip Flash Fights with His Son—Other Cases.

The several suits of clothes, the hose, shirts and other articles that were found in the attic of the Adgate school house in Shawnee township, day before yesterday, an account of which appeared in the TIMES-DEMOCRAT yesterday, were identified last evening as the goods that were stolen a few weeks ago from Stepieton's general store in Crideraville. Capt. Bell yesterday notified Mr. Stepieton of the find, and the latter arrived in the city last evening and identified the property.

A STORMY POLICE COURT.

There was a stormy scene in police court this morning when Newt Wise, a well known south side bartender, was arraigned before mayor Baxter, charged with disorderly conduct. Newt appeared at the police station about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon with a wound in his forehead and told sergeant Watts the story of his troubles. He claimed to have met Gertrude Enright at the O. H. & D. depot and accompanied her to the home of Owen Butler, on east Elm street, where she is employed as a domestic. Mrs. Butler had been called to Toledo by the illness of a relative, Mr. Butler was out on the road, and no one was at the house except Wise, Miss Enright, Mr. Butler's young son and Dean Talbot. The latter was sent to Kate Lawrence's for some beer, and after this had been disposed of by Newt and the girl, trouble ensued. Newt claimed that it was because the boys refused to return his change, and tried to shoot him when he attempted to take the money from them, and the girl claimed it was because Newt said something about Mrs. Butler. The whole crowd were telling their troubles to the mayor this morning when Mr. Butler, who had just come in off the O. H. & D. road, suddenly appeared and demanded immediate satisfaction for the remark Wise was accused of having made concerning Mrs. Butler. The accusers and the defendant were all trying to talk at the same time and captain Bell was called upon to remove Butler from the court room. The mayor decided that the sooner the case was disposed of the better, and there being so many conflicting stories and accusations, he took the gallant side by dismissing the woman and two children and fined Wise \$5 for disorderly conduct.

FATHER AND SON FIGHT.

Philip Fiath and his son, the latter about 30 years, became engaged in a fight at their home on north Elizabeth street, last night, and the younger man, who was intoxicated, had several ugly gashes cut in his scalp. He was locked up at the police station, where his wounds were dressed this morning by Dr. Laudick.

WATCH THE PRICES

Black Diamonds May be High Before Spring

Special to TIMES-DEMOCRAT.

CINCINNATI Dec. 16—A coal combine, including all but two of the large dealers in this city, has just been consummated with a capital of \$4,000,000. The organizers claim that it is not the intention to advance prices, but the future will alone determine that.

A GIFT TO PERRY.

An English Enthusiast Presents Film with a Ship.

Special to TIMES-DEMOCRAT.

LONDON, December 17—A. G. Harmsworth, England's patron of Arctic exploration, has presented the Arctic ship "Windward" to Lieut. Perry and will have her overhauled and sent to America for use in the coming expedition.

In order to make room for a well selected stock of Ladies' Footwear, which is expected every day, W. H. Neise, at No. 6 Public Square, will give a 10 per cent. discount on the price of his already low-marked shoes, for the next ten days. Still a few more ladies' shoes on our bargain counter, sizes 2 1/2 and 3, for 75c and \$1.00 a pair. Remember, what Neise says goes. 44

Yesterday our store was crowded; everybody happy; we have the goods and prices. Newson, Deakin & Co.

Kid Mittens
Children's Kid Mittens, with fur tops, for 32c. Ladies' Kid Mittens for 50c, at Bauer's. 16

"A HOT TIME"

The Lawyers Had at the Court House Last Evening.

TURN ABOUT IS FAIR PLAY,

As the Court Believed—Mr. Marble, of Van Wert, and Attorney Bailey Remained and the Court was Compelled to Intervene.

Considerable interest and excitement was created last night at the court room while the arguments were being made in the suit of Alice Carey against James Leland to determine whether or not the defendant was the father of the plaintiff's child. For a few moments warm words filled the court room, and to avoid trouble and quiet the turbulent waters, the judge had to be called into the room. Mr. Marble had made his plea to the jury and exercised considerable latitude as he dwelt upon the wrongful accusations made by the young woman. He endeavored to present the testimony as he made his plea. This was a delight to him, as he believed his client alone was the one benefited. But there was another plea to be made and that was for the client against whose claims Mr. Marble was making a fight. Mr. Bailey, after Mr. Marble had closed his talk and settled down quietly in his chair, began to speak of the wrongs also done his client. He became greatly in earnest, and in his enthusiasm he also began to introduce testimony. This was somewhat bitter for the Van Wert statesman. The same line of argument was pursued by Mr. Bailey as was employed by his adversary. Presently Mr. Bailey began comparing the "toughs" and "sports" of Scott's Crossing to like characters in Spencerville. This was more than Mr. Marble could endure, for he disliked the comparison and believed Mr. Bailey was taking an advantage of the defense. Judge John E. Richie was called into the room. The objections were stated by Mr. Marble, but the judge, wishing to treat both attorneys in the same fair manner, informed Mr. Marble that he also had taken great latitude in his argument, and that he had no cause for his objections, and refused to hear him, and ordered the case to proceed. But the judge instructed the jury that they should only consider that evidence which had been submitted by the witnesses.

Mr. Marble asked for the bill of exceptions, and the court assured him he would O. K. them, provided he stated in the objections what the court had instructed the jury to consider as evidence. This Mr. Marble declined to consent to, and the case went to the jury to be considered on its merits.

FAILED TO RETURN,

Did This Smooth Fellow Who Wanted Old Gold.

HE GOT WHAT HE WANTED

And Copeland's Wayne Street Second Hand Store Has a Much Smaller Stock of Old Gold Now on Hand—A Clever Swindle.

A very clever swindler made his appearance in this city a few days ago. He's gone now and isn't expected back soon, notwithstanding the fact that he knows beyond any doubt whatever that his return would be welcomed with delight by at least one man whose acquaintance he formed during his brief stay in Lima. He seems to have come to the city on business, and he was certainly successful in his venture.

FROM THE WINDY CITY.

He made his appearance at Copeland's second hand store, on east Wayne street, and claimed to hail from Chicago. He carried a good supply of gold and passed around a few circulars advertising a cheap jewelry establishment conducted on east Division street, Chicago. He informed Mr. Copeland that he was the proprietor of the establishment, and was making a tour of the country for the purpose of buying up all the old gold that could be unearthed. Mr. Copeland had quite a number of old watch cases, rings, bracelets, chains and other articles of gold jewelry that he agreed to dispose of to the stranger at a stipulated sum per ounce, and the fellow remained about the city for two or three days until Mr. Copeland got the jewelry all gathered up and then made his appearance at the store to close the deal. He was careful to select a time when

MR. COPELAND WAS ALONE

in the store and then took the jewelry, packed it carefully into a bundle and announced that he would take it to a jewelry store and have it weighed. Mr. Copeland didn't object to the fellow taking the gold to a jeweler, but he didn't think the fellow meant a Chicago or New York jeweler.

Xmas Trees.

Choice nursery grown and mounted ready for use, at Swan's, the Florist, 209 west Market street. 44

Sample Lot

Fine satin damask 75c towels for 58c, at Bauer's. 16

You can always get anything in the grocery line at J. M. Arndt's, north Main street. 26

CARROLL & COONEY.

HOLIDAY IDEAS.



In making your Christmas selections why not buy something which will prove of service, of advantage to the recipient? Articles of adornment—those which add either to personal appearance or comfort, always gladden the receiver, and, because of their lasting qualities, are a constant reminder of the giver. What more acceptable gift to wife, mother or sister than a dress pattern? There is no store in Lima where the assortment of Black and colored Dress Fabrics is as large as here. No other store here can give you as good value. Our leadership in Silks and Dress Goods is seldom questioned; never by anyone who has thoroughly looked over the market. Our Cloak Department is also strictly up-to-date. More Table Linens here than in any two other stores in Lima put together. Kid Glove, Handkerchiefs, and a thousand and one other sensible, serviceable articles suitable for Christmas giving.

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